

# Connecticut State Innovation Model

## Work Stream Update



Council/ Work Stream	Major Topics Covered	Progress/ Outputs	Next Steps	Upcoming Meetings
<b>COUNCILS/ TASKFORCES/ COMMITTEES</b>				
<b>Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC)</b>	<b>Population Health  EAC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New representatives were appointed to the CAB and EAC, and changes to the Composition of PTF were discussed.</li> <li>The HIT and VBID charters were approved.</li> <li>The <a href="#">Equity and Access Council Final Report</a> was Accepted.</li> <li>Dr. Mario Garcia, the newly hired lead for the Population Health Planning Workstream under DPH, presented on <a href="#">Population Health</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and approve VBID Consortium Applicants</li> <li>Review CHW Council Charter and Composition and provide feedback</li> <li>Review Population Health Council Charter and Composition and provide feedback</li> </ul>	1/14/16
<b>Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)</b>	<b>CHW  VBID</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAB discussed Behavioral Health Forum to take place in March (Michaela Fissel and Sharon Langer co-chairs). The need for childcare was discussed for the event.</li> <li>The Workforce Design Group was discussed in more detail. It was determined that appointments for the Design Group are less formal than an official Council. The importance of coordinating the work of the Design Group with the CHW Council was emphasized.</li> <li>A special meeting of the CAB Appointment Committee was held on 12/15/15. The group reviewed their charge and mission, discussed their approach to the VBID solicitation, and reviewed other workgroup openings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirm Consumer appointments for VBID Consortium</li> <li>Continue work on development of Workforce Design Group and establish goals for the group.</li> </ul>	1/12/16

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Practice Transformation Task Force (PTTF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Finalized definition for individuals with complex healthcare needs</li><li>Reviewed and provided input on SIM logic model</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review revised CCIP report and proposed changes to the standards</li></ul>	02/02/16
Health Information Technology (HIT)	<p>The HIT Council meeting scheduled for 12/18/15 was cancelled as the SIM PMO continued to work diligently to finalize programmatic requirements, secure input on its program logic model, and identify potential payers/providers willing to participate in the edge server indexing technology pilot. Given these activities were on-going and there were no substantive updates to report to council members, no meeting was held.</p> <p>The UConn HIT Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Procured a HIT consultant to develop the HIT section of the SIM Operational Plan and began preparations to kick-off the engagement</li><li>Continued staff recruiting efforts</li><li>Provided feedback to the PMO on the logic model</li><li>Continued support of the HIT Council</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Secure approval for revised HIT Council charter from HISC</li><li>Secure finalized programmatic requirements and logic model from PMO</li><li>Secure updated status on payer/provider commitments to use eCQMs in VBP contracts and participate in pilot test of edge server indexing. Based on potential users, identify technology capabilities that would be included in a parallel RFI process and facilitate a demo of edge server indexing technology.</li></ul>	01/15/16
Equity and Access Council (EAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EAC Reports have been received. A synthesis of comments is underway.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Create a synthesis of EAC public comments to be published</li></ul>	


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<b>Quality Council (QC)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed and provided input on SIM Logic Model</li> <li>Reviewed new version of quality measures table</li> <li>Discussed meeting with HIT Council Co-chairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMO is continuing work on the second draft of the Quality Council report</li> <li>No meetings of the Quality Council scheduled until March</li> </ul>	1/13/16
<b>Care Management Committee (CMC)</b>  (A sub- committee of <a href="#">MAPOC</a> )	<b>MQISSP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convened to discuss several MQISSP components and accompanying materials, including the Communication Plan Proposal,</li> <li>Participating Entity Foundational and Working Assumptions, and Oversight Requirements.</li> <li>Participated in the Provider Qualifications webinar to discuss the MQISSP Oversight Requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to hold work sessions and education sessions to further the MQISSP design.</li> </ul>	1/13/16

### Population Health Planning (DPH)


- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) oversampling continued through December 31, 2015.
- Contract language for an amendment with the BRFSS contractor for the 2016 survey year has been successfully negotiated. OPM approval for the eDAR is pending.
- A review of 26 Community Health Needs Assessment is in progress, and additional extraction of SIM specific data is underway. Evaluation of data sourcing is now complete for the customized SIM state health assessment. Data pooling of online resources is being compiled, to assist as tools, in the future for data needs/inquiries.
- The exam for Prevention Services Coordinator was posted and interviews were held for the Health Program Associate position.
- Complete review of financial modelling methods.
- Continue to monitor enhanced BRFSS activities by the contractor for the 2015 survey.
- New UConn staff working on the Population estimates project proposed several methods for combining correlated predictors of annual net migration.
- Track eDAR approval by OPM and contract execution with the BRFSS contractor for the 2016 survey year.
- Finalize structure and composition of Population Health Council for presentation to the Steering Committee.

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SIM WORK STREAMS / PROGRAMS / INITIATIVES		

 Population  
Health

 Health  
Equity

 Healthcare  
Quality

 Consumer  
Empowerment

 Affordability

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<b>Medicaid Quality Improvement and Shared Savings Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produced an MQISSP Communication Plan Proposal, which outlines the various communication timelines and mechanisms that would occur through the initiation of the MQISSP.</li> <li>Delivered the final MQISSP Concept Paper to CMS, which will support discussions between DSS and CMS regarding the MQISSP program design.</li> <li>Facilitated a Provider Qualifications webinar to discuss the Oversight Requirements that would be required for participation in the MQISSP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue efforts for the shared savings model test run.</li> <li>Continue developing member education materials outlined in the MQISSP Communication Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Value-based Insurance Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held initial meeting and two follow-up calls with Freedman Healthcare, the consultant selected to lead the Consortium and development of VBID templates and accompanying materials</li> <li>Opened employer, consumer/advocate, and provider applications for the VBID Consortium (Application Deadline 1/6/16).. Solicited applications through business groups and the CAB. Reached out to health plans to ensure participation on the Consortium.</li> <li>Reviewed plan for first Consortium meeting</li> <li>Identified need for a training webinar to precede first Consortium meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Consortium Applications through Steering Committee Personnel Subcommittee (1/7/16) and confirm appointments at Steering Committee meeting (1/14/16)</li> <li>Plan and execute training webinar in advance of first consortium meeting</li> <li>Finalize Agenda for first Consortium Meeting (2/2/16)</li> </ul>

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<b>UCONN Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with CHW consultants to draft CHW training and certification requirements, core competencies, scope of work, and payment mechanisms.</li> <li>• Engaged a variety of stakeholders and presented on SIM CHW initiative to employers and Cigna Foundation.</li> <li>• Made progress on creating a CHW Advisory Council by drafting charter and composition documents. Communicated with the CAB about its efforts to form an associated Workforce Design Group.</li> <li>• Obtained approval for release of funds (\$9,000) for CHW Evaluation and Website Design. Prepared and routed contracts for respective consultants.</li> <li>• Provided technical assistance to current employers of CHWs to help optimize CHW effectiveness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hire 2 CHWs to develop community resources.</li> <li>• Execute additional stakeholder meetings (e.g., with DSS and DPH).</li> <li>• Finalize Advisory Council charter and composition documents and identify members.</li> </ul>
	<p>Non-SIM-funded associated activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded grant from CT Health &amp; Educational Facilities Authority to train CHWs in North Hartford.</li> <li>• Partnering with Community Solutions in the <a href="#">Promise Zone of North Hartford</a> to retrain certified nursing assistants as CHWs.</li> <li>• Conducting group CHW core-competency training for Community Health Network of CT and one-on-one CHW core-competency training for <a href="#">DPH Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program</a>.</li> <li>• Submitted application to CT DOL for <a href="#">Incumbent Worker Training</a> grant for CHWs.</li> </ul>	<p>Commence Evaluation and Web/IT work as soon as funds are released.</p>

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<b>UConn Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued data acquisition for dashboard</li> <li>Calculated public health baselines and targets</li> <li>Continued metrics alignment</li> <li>Attended monthly call with national evaluators</li> <li>Worked towards next dashboard publication to include new data and views including the population health baselines and targets</li> <li>Met with SIM PMO and CT Medical representatives regarding patient experience surveys</li> <li>Developed new drafts of potential behavioral health questions for inclusion in patient experience survey.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue data acquisition</li> <li>Attend monthly call with national evaluators</li> <li>Finalize metrics alignment</li> <li>Work towards next dashboard publication to include new data and views including the population health baselines and targets</li> <li>Finalize patient experience survey</li> <li>Finalize description of sampling frame for patient experience survey</li> <li>Develop strategy for collecting data form ACOs about affiliated physicians</li> </ul>
<b>Advanced Medical Home Vanguard Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Of the fifty two (52) practices that were receiving transformation support from Qualidigm and Planetree, two (2) practices have exited the program due to the retirement of the lead clinician and one new practice has submitted an application to join the program.</li> <li>All practices have completed the PCMH pre-assessment and office specific plans.</li> <li>The Kick-off for Cohort 3 took place on December 17<sup>th</sup>. There are nine (9) practices in this cohort.</li> <li>The AMH Vanguard Pilot presentation was presented to the HISC on December 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue transformation services.</li> <li>Prepare presentation that describes AMH Vanguard progress and evaluation activities to date to the February 11<sup>th</sup> HISC meeting.</li> <li>Formulate plan for periodic progress reporting to commercial payers and Medicaid</li> <li>Prepare amendment to Qualidigm contract to accommodate the addition of a new cohort in 2016.</li> </ul>

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<b>Program Management Office (PMO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PMO was granted a 3-month No Cost Extension (NCE) and has been working with the work streams to adjust their budgets and timelines to align with the new deadlines</li> <li>The PMO has been reviewing the operational plan to identify and complete missing information, as well as to make changes based on the NCE</li> <li>Restructured reporting documents including the monthly tracking tool and the risk/issue tracking tool</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize budgets based on No-cost extension</li> <li>Complete draft of Operational Plan by February 1 to be shared with Federal Project Officer for review</li> </ul>

## ACRONYMS

**APCD** – All-Payers Claims Database

**BRFSS** – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

**CAB** – Consumer Advisory Board

**CCIP** – Clinical & Community Integration Program

**CHW** – Community Health Worker

**CMC** – Care Management Committee

**CMMI** – Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovations

**DPH** – Department of Public Health

**DSS** – Department of Social Services

**EAC** – Equity and Access Council

**EHR** – Electronic Health Record

**HISC** – Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee

**HIT** – Health Information Technology

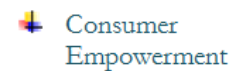
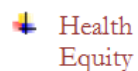
**MAPOC** – Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council

**MOA** – Memorandum of Agreement

**MQISSP** – Medicaid Quality Improvement and Shared Savings Program

**PCMH** – Patient Centered Medical Home

**PMO** – Program Management Office





**PTTF** – Practice Transformation Task Force

**QC** – Quality Council

**SIM** – State Innovation Model

**FQHC** – Federally Qualified Health Center


**RFP** – Request for Proposals

**OSC** – Office of the State Comptroller


**VBID** – Value-based Insurance Design

**The purpose of this document is to raise awareness among members of SIM Governance and SIM-funded work stream leads so that they can stay up-to-date about SIM progress, understand their work in context, and spot inter-dependencies where collaboration or coordination may be beneficial**

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